

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: July 11, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Turner, Vice-Chairman McGurn, Selectman Brazie.

Others in attendance: Corey Wiley(Berkshire Record), Eileen Vining, Mary McGurn, Erika and Tim Schroepfer and others form Cub Scout Pack 28, and for parts of the meeting William Warner, Jane Ralph and June Wolfe.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

MINUTES:

The minutes of June 11 and June 18 were accepted as presented.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

At 7:30pm Jane Ralph and June Wolfe presented a proposal to bring two units of affordable housing to Egremont. Construct has been gifted two homes to move from a Great Barrington location to Egremont. The homes have to be moved by November. The proposal is for Construct to move them the 4.1 miles to a piece of Town owned land by the Town Hall. The Town could retain ownership, while Construct writes all the grants to obtain funding for the feasibility study, the well, septic and driveway, and the construction. Construct's time will be paid through the grant. The Town could gift the land to Construct as well but that would trigger procurement laws. Construct maintains a list of families in need of house so the occupants would be local and could likely be former Egremont residents. The Board voted unanimously to begin the process with Construct, Inc. To look at the feasibility of the first affordable housing in Egremont.

CITIZENS TIME:

Members of Cub Scout Troop 28 in Sheffield attended to thank the Board for allowing its membership to camp at French Park. 12 families participated. The young members showed pictures of the fun that was had. The Fire Department, Police Department and State Police joined the campers for some fun learning experiences.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board unanimously approved the Berkshire Bike-N-Fly event, which is held at the Great Barrington airport on August. The bike route is partially in Egremont.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the low bid received from Delsignore Blacktop Paving at \$329,742.20 for the reconstruction of Baldwin Hill South. About \$280,000 of Chapter 90 \$ will be used with the balance coming from Town funds. The work should take place this construction season.

The Board approved the following interdepartmental transfers:

\$482.41 from Building Inspector Assistant (015241.114) to Inspectors Expenses (015241.700).
\$10.47 from Building Utilities (015192.400) to Public Lighting (015424.200)
\$945.00 from Computer Expenses (015155.700) to Legal Expenses (015151.702).

The Board approved the final FY 18 statement of services from broadband Attorney Bill Soloman. It was agreed that the need for Attorney Soloman's services is nearing an end.

The Board voted unanimously to pay \$100 towards the cost of a recording Secretary for the School Assessment Agreement Committee.

The Board agreed, in response to a letter from the Garden Club, Historical Commission and Library Trustees, to leave the garden and the bike rack/fix it station at the Library in the place that it is currently.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the request of an employee for 5 days of vacation pay.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Tighe reminded the Board of the upcoming employee evaluations and goal setting training on Friday. He asked that the Board review the current evaluations. The Board agreed to have Selectmen McGurn do so with Bill.

The Board appointed the following to chair the Bylaw Reform Committees:

Efficient Regulation Implementation: Elliott Snyder

Future: Lucinda Vermeulen

Operations: Michael Bandzierz

Environment: Bill Tynan

Advisory Board: John Cheek

Clerk: Richard Allen

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

The Board meets on Tuesday, July 10 at 1pm, via tele-conference, with Charter representatives to finalize the draft Cable TV Franchise license.

The South Egremont School House has been lowered to almost the foundation. The ADA waiver has been granted for 13 months. A response to the school superintendents letter asking for certification of compliance with several state codes is being drafted.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board will meet in regular session on Monday, July 23 and then in closed session on July 30th.

The Board noted the receipt of an email sent by several residents expressing their displeasure with the Board's decision to move forward with Broadband from Charter. An appropriate response was made.

The Board approved SAI Communications LLC pursuing placement of a Cell Tower on Town owned land behind the Town Hall. SAI will first confirm with the FAA if it is possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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The recording of the minutes is on record at the Town Hall for 90 days. Anyone who wishes to may obtain a copy or listen to the recording at Town Hall. Attachments are on file at Town Hall.